

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-081-00

**CREATING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
FOR THE CITY OF HUTTO**

WHEREAS, the Texas 81st Legislative Session is set to convene on January 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Hutto City Council ("City") wishes to express support for legislation beneficial to the Hutto community and to oppose harmful legislation detrimental to the future vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Hutto City Council has discussed opportunities and threats to the community and has created a legislative agenda outlining legislation deemed necessary to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Hutto City Council authorizes the City's representatives to represent the City's interest before the Texas Legislature as outlined bellowed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS:

That the City Council of the City of Hutto hereby adopts a legislative agenda intended to create support for legislative proposals beneficial to the community, oppose harmful legislation, and authorize City representatives to advocate on behalf of the City in regards to:

1. Property Tax Appraisal Caps

The City Council authorizes City representatives to oppose any legislation that would place appraisal caps on property beyond the ten percent (10%) currently mandated by law; any legislation that would place revenue caps on the City; changes to the local sales tax statues that jeopardizes the City's sales tax allocation; and, any legislation that would limit the City Council's existing authority to adopt a tax rate and/or approval of the annual budget for the City.

2. Use of State Right-of-Way

Support legislation that requires electric providers use State ROW for transmission line projects when the ROW is available.

3. Transportation Funding

Support a resolution adopted by the Texas Municipal League (TML) delegation seeking to inform the legislature that Texas cities are in dire need of additional transportation infrastructure funding to construct projects, maintain current roadways and plan for future growth.

4. Strengthen Law Enforcement

Support legislation proposed by the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) and the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) that toughens laws and increases law enforcement's ability to impose laws related to risk abduction, violence against women act compliance, strangulation as a felony, mandatory probation fees, lease termination, and other items of concern.

5. Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) Funding

Support legislation providing funding related to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), ensuring priority funding when funds become available.

6. Texas Recreation and Parks Funding

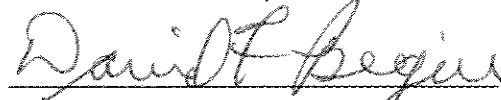
Support legislation that provides increased funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and the State Parks System.

7. Railroad Relocation Funding

The City requests increased funding of the Railroad Relocation Fund approved by Texas voters in 2005.

CONSIDERED and RESOLVED on this the 18th day of December, 2008.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS



David F. Begier, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:


Debbie Chelf, City Secretary

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